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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Sohl et al.

Application No.: 10/666558

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For: ENHANCED SUBSURFACE SCANNING
SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER
PROGRAM PRODUCT

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 CFR 1.102(c)**

MS Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Petition to Make Special the above-identified patent application. The basis of this Petition is that the invention will materially enhance the quality of the environment.

In particular, the invention provides an enhanced scanning solutions module including a flow control subsystem; a detector subsystem coupled to the flow control subsystem; a dryer/moisture separator subsystem coupled to the flow control subsystem; a sampling subsystem coupled to the flow control subsystem; and a software control subsystem coupled to the flow control subsystem, the detector subsystem, the dryer/moisture separator subsystem, or the sampling subsystem. The module can include a sampling subsystem having: a sample loop; an absorbent trap; or a gas chromatography injection port. The module can further include an exhaust; a pneumatic supply; a power supply; a bypass module; a feedback signal; or a pressure control

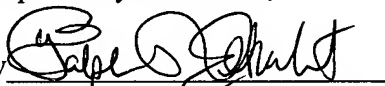
subsystem. The enhanced scanning solutions module may be part of a larger system that provides a way to speed up the process of assessing the environmental damage to a site as well as improving the accuracy of such assessments. The improved accuracy and speed of assessment allows remediation to occur more quickly, and to be better tailored to the remediation needs of a particular site.

Accordingly, applicant requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted and the application undergo accelerated examination.

Under 37 CFR 1.102(c), no fee is required. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, under Order No. 36507-193188.

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